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- (1) Casteel, U.S. Patent No. 4,199,053, issued April 22, 1980;

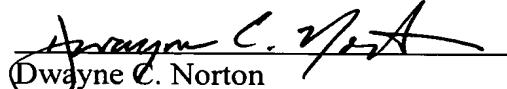
- (2) Burghart, U.S. Patent No. 4,260,051, issued April 7, 1981;
- (3) Carmichael, U.S. Patent No. 4,313,535, issued February 2, 1982;
- (4) Lehtola, U.S. Patent No. 4,768,647, issued September 6, 1988;
- (5) Harper, U.S. Patent No. 4,813,532, issued March 21, 1989;
- (6) McMillan et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,029,697, issued July 9, 1991;
- (7) Hufford, U.S. Patent No. 5,555,967, issued September 17, 1996;
- (8) Dean, U.S. Patent No. 5,850,906, issued December 22, 1998;
- (9) Pellegrino, U.S. Patent No. 5,868,241, issued February 9, 1999;
- (10) Patterson, U.S. Patent No. 6,019,216, issued February 1, 2000;
- (11) Burgess, Jr. et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,392,898, issued February 28, 1995;
- (12) Burgess, Jr. et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,584,375, issued December 17, 1996;
- (13)- Slipstick Conveyor, Brochure pgs. 1-14, Triple/S Dynamics, Inc.;
- (14) Smalley et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,046,602, issued September 10, 1991;
- (15) Svejkovsky, U.S. Patent No. 5,351,807, issued October 4, 1994;
- (16) Svejkovsky, U.S. Patent No. 5,699,897, issued December 23, 1997;
- (17) Ballo, U.S. Patent No. 3,288,095, issued November 29, 1966;
- (18) Pfau, U.S. Patent No. 2,524,734, issued October 3, 1950;
- (19) Hartsell, U.S. Patent No. 3,604,278, issued September 14, 1971;
- (20) Conrad, U.S. Patent No. 2,360,762, issued October 17, 1944;

- (21) Burton et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,805,627, issued April 23, 1974;
 - (22) Barr, U.S. Patent No. 4,528,860, issued July 16, 1985;
 - (23) Payne et al., U.S. Patent No. 1,219,861, issued March 20, 1917;
 - (24) Baldwin et al., U.S. Patent No. 1,307,474, issued June 24, 1919;
 - (25) Day, U.S. Patent No. 4,245,516, issued January 20, 1981;
 - (26) Long et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,692,986, issued December 2, 1997;
 - (27) Brems, U.S. Patent No. 3,857,292, issued December 31, 1974;
 - (28) Brems, U.S. Patent No. 3,859,862, issued January 14, 1975;
 - (29) Brems, U.S. Patent No. 4,726,240, issued February 23, 1988;
 - (30) Soviet Union, Patent No. 630,146 A, issued October 30, 1978;
 - (31) DeNijs et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,690,567, issued November 25, 1997;
- and
- (32) Roman, U.S. Patent No. 4,573,566, issued March 4, 1986.

Applicant considers the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date or before the mailing date of a first Office Action, whichever occurs last, no fee is required. If it should be determined that a fee is required, please charge any required fee (other than the issue fee) during the pendency of this application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

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